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Soviet, Yielding to U.S., Drops Magazine Article

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuters)—The Soviet Embassy in Washington agreed to "censor" a magazine article defending the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia as a result of State Department objections, officials said Thursday.

The embassy's monthly magazine, Soviet Life, was distributed to American readers this week with a page neatly cut out. Officials said the page had carried an article about Czechoslovakia entitled "Why We Interfered."

The State Department obtained advance knowledge of the article and told the Embassy that it violated an agreement under which Soviet Life is distributed in the United States and an American magazine, Amerika, is sold in the Soviet Union.

The agreement specifies that the magazines should be nonpolitical and cultural in character.